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Minutes 02-18-2009

MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 18, 2009

Members Present: Barbara Cutler, Janice Dallas, Susan James, Barbara Jones,
Kevin O'Brien, Maureen St. Hilaire

Members Absent: Lin Baker, Kerrie Fallon

Others Present: Jane Howard, Vision 2020 Standing Committee
Miriam Stein, Diversity Task Group
Heidi Hample, Disability Advocate
Paolo Marinelli, Disability Advocate
Gregory Ames, Massachusetts Placement Coordinator
Jack Jones, Director of Housing & Disability Programs

Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2008:

Barbara Jones moved to accept the meeting minutes seconded by Maureen St. Hilaire.

Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2009:

Barbara Jones moved to accept the meeting minutes seconded by Barbara Cutler.

Job Fair scheduled for April 2, 2009:

Maureen St. Hilaire distributed the Job Fair Flyer that was prepared by Greg Aimes. Greg said that sixteen employers have agreed to participate at the Job Fair. A concern was the availability of parking at the Job Fair. Jack Jones said that he would work to resolve this concern. Miriam Stein suggested parking permits that would be used for on street parking along Massachusetts Avenue. Greg said that the National Student Partnership would assist applicants in writing resumes. Greg said that an ASL interpreter would be available at the Job Fair.

Disability Rights and Policy Discussion scheduled for March 4, 2009:

Jack Jones said that Keith Jones a Disability Rights Advocate would be the guest speaker at this event. The Human Rights Commission and the Commission on Disability will co-sponsor the event.

State House Legislative Reception:

Jack Jones said that the Annual Legislative Reception sponsored by the Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Council and the Arc of Massachusetts will be held on March 4, 2009. Barbara Cutler requested consideration of the Disability Commission to co-sponsor this event. The Commission voted to be listed as a co-sponsor.

Warrant Articles:

Jack Jones said that the Commission submitted two articles for the 2009 Town Meeting Warrant. The articles are to appropriate a sum of \$10,000 to support the Commission on Disability in its ability to address access issues in the Town and to request that any dog parks if approved by the Town be gated.

Handicapped Parking Fines:

Jack Jones said that Juliana Rice, Town Counsel, has determined that G.L. c. 40 section 22G authorizes but does not require the Town to allocate funds received from fines assessed for violations of handicapped parking to go to the Commission on Disability. The Town Manager Act and G.L. c 40 section 22 allow the Town Manager to choose if funds for handicapped parking should be given to the Commission on Disability to be expended upon the recommendation of the Commission with the approval; of the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen.

CDBG Program Year 35 Proposal:

Jack Jones said that the Commission has requested \$150,000 in CDBG funding to continue with the Curb Cut Ramp Project.

Mass. Ave. Corridor Project:

Barbara Jones requested that Commission Members send a letter expressing their concern about the removal of two traffic signals along Mass. Avenue. Barbara Jones also expressed concern regarding the proposed refuge areas.

Other Business:

Paolo Marinelli inquired as to the status of the accessible traffic lights along Summer Street. Paolo also questioned if repairs to the wall in front of the library along Mass. Avenue will result in sidewalk work in front of the wall.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 P.M.